

## Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19): Guidance for Skilled Nursing Facilities & Assisted Living Residences

This document provides guidance to Long Term Care Facilities (LTCFs) that are skilled nursing facilities (SNF) or assisted living residences (ALR). **Except for current mandates in effect under a Mayor's Order or other existing local or federal regulation, any definitive action statements made in this guidance (e.g., "must") are considered essential best practice recommendations to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.** Given the critical importance of preventing COVID-19 from entering or spreading within LTCFs, decisions on relaxing restrictions should be made with careful review of the number of facility-level and community cases, and in consultation with DC Health. **Residents and healthcare personnel should continue to follow all current infection prevention and control recommendations to protect themselves and others from COVID-19, regardless of their vaccination status.**

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Definitions	<p>Confirmed outbreak as defined in Health Notice: "<a href="#">COVID-19 Outbreak Investigation and Reporting Requirements</a>") <b>OR</b> a suspected outbreak as determined by DC Health after investigation, risk assessments and contact tracing.</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p>Results from first round of facility-wide or concentric circle testing<sup>1</sup> (i.e., outbreak testing) are still pending</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> DC Health must help make this determination. The threshold for required reporting is ≥1 probable or confirmed COVID-19 case in a resident or HCP <b>OR</b> ≥3 cases of acute illness compatible with COVID-19 in residents with onset within a 72h period, as stated in the Health Notice: "<a href="#">COVID-19 Outbreak Investigation and Reporting Requirements</a>")</p>	<p>Confirmed outbreak Health Notice: "<a href="#">COVID-19 Outbreak Investigation and Reporting Requirements</a>") <b>OR</b> a suspected outbreak as determined by DC Health after investigation, risk assessments and contact tracing.</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p>Results from the first round of outbreak testing reveal no additional COVID-19 cases in other areas (e.g., units) of the facility.</p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p>Results from subsequent rounds of outbreak testing reveal no additional COVID-19 cases in other areas (e.g., units) of the facility.</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> DC Health must help make this determination.</p>	<p>No new COVID-19 cases in residents or staff for 14 days or as determined by DC Health.</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> In accordance with CMS Guidance <a href="#">QSO-20-38-NH REVISED</a>, facility-wide testing will be required if the facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is unable to provide necessary information required for investigation/contact tracing to DC Health <b>within 24 hours</b> of it being requested or becoming aware of the positive result (whichever is first)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does not have the expertise, resources, or ability to identify or manage all close contacts.</li> </ul>
Personal Protective Equipment/Source Control	<p><b>ALL residents</b> should wear a well-fitting mask when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outside their room indoors</li> <li>Anyone enters their room (for direct care or other services, such as cleaning)</li> <li>Within 6 feet of a roommate and not separated by a barrier such as a curtain</li> </ul> <p>Staff must follow <b>Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Healthcare Facilities AND Screening in a Healthcare Setting</b> at, <a href="#">coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarantine-level PPE (gown, gloves, respirators, and eye protection) should be used for residents who had a known exposure to a positive individual <b>OR</b> if transmission appears to be wide-spread within a large portion of the facility (consult with DC Health if full facility quarantine is being considered).</li> </ul>	<p><b>ALL residents</b> should wear a well-fitting mask when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outside their room indoors</li> <li>Anyone enters their room (for direct care or other services, such as cleaning)</li> <li>Within 6 feet of a roommate and not separated by a barrier such as a curtain</li> </ul> <p>Staff must follow <b>Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Healthcare Facilities AND Screening in a Healthcare Setting</b> at, <a href="#">coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarantine-level PPE (gown, gloves, respirators, and eye protection) should be used for residents who had a known exposure to a positive individual.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Residents who are unvaccinated, not up to date<sup>2</sup> on their COVID-19 vaccine OR immunocompromised<sup>3</sup> (regardless of vaccination status)</b> should wear a well-fitting mask when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outside their room indoors</li> <li>Anyone enters their room (for direct care or other services, such as cleaning)</li> <li>Within 6 feet of a roommate and not separated by a barrier such as a curtain</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE: All residents should wear a well-fitting mask as indicated above if a DC Mask Mandate is in effect.</b></p> <p>Staff must follow <b>Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Healthcare Facilities AND Screening in a Healthcare Setting</b> at, <a href="#">coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance</a>.</p>

<sup>1</sup> **Concentric circle testing** is a focused method that relies on risk assessments and contact tracing to determine the scope of an outbreak affecting a specific group or area (e.g., unit, floor, or department). Contacts with any documented exposure are tested first. If there is evidence of transmission in these contacts or any other newly identified exposures within the facility, testing is expanded to include new contacts. Evidence on transmission encompasses test results and risk assessment findings.

<sup>2</sup> A person is considered **up to date** after they have received all recommended doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, including booster doses as applicable. More information can be found in *Guidance for Close Contacts of a Person Confirmed to have COVID-19: Quarantine and Testing* at [coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance](#).

<sup>3</sup> **Immunocompromised** means having a weakened immune system due to a medical condition or from taking medications that suppress the immune system. This includes, but is not limited to: people on chemotherapy, people with blood cancers like leukemia, people who have had an organ transplant or stem cell transplant, and people on dialysis

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Communal Dining	Communal dining is restricted.	<p>Limited communal dining is permitted for areas/unit not affected.</p> <p>Residents who meet the following criteria may eat in the same room:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident must <u>not</u> be from a unit/area experiencing an outbreak.</li> <li>Resident has not tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19.</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident was previously positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 <b>AND</b> has completed the symptom-based or time-based clearance method</li> </ul> <p>Residents who are up to date on their COVID-19 vaccine can participate in communal dining without social distancing provided <b>no residents who are unvaccinated, not up to date on their COVID-19 vaccine OR immunocompromised are present</b> and masks are worn when not actively eating or drinking; however, social distancing remains the safest option.</p> <p>If any resident is present who is unvaccinated or not up to date on their COVID-19 vaccine <b>OR</b> is immunocompromised, <b>ALL</b> residents must maintain social distancing and wear masks (when not actively eating or drinking).</p> <p><b>Group</b> size and dining space must allow for social distancing when required.</p> <p>Residents who meet the following criteria must continue to be served in their rooms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently isolated due to COVID-19</li> <li>Currently experiencing symptoms of possible COVID-19</li> <li>Currently quarantined due to exposure to COVID-19</li> </ul> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE: Communal dining will increase the risk of COVID-19 spreading in your facility.</b> Please be cautious by ensuring all appropriate testing and screening practices are in place before implementing any level of communal dining. Implement robust infection control measures (e.g., ensure ample access to hand hygiene supplies, ensure appropriate cleaning and disinfection of the dining area, etc.) and take measures that facilitate social distancing (e.g., remove chairs, space tables, stagger mealtimes, etc.).</p>	<p>Communal dining is permitted.</p> <p>Residents who meet the following criteria may eat in the same room:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident has not tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19.</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resident was previously positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 <b>AND</b> has completed the symptom-based or time-based clearance method.</li> </ul> <p>Residents who are up to date on their COVID-19 vaccine can participate in communal dining without social distancing provided <b>no residents who are unvaccinated, not up to date on their COVID-19 vaccine OR immunocompromised are present</b> and masks are worn when not actively eating or drinking; however, social distancing remains the safest option.</p> <p>If any resident is present who is unvaccinated or not up to date on their COVID-19 vaccine <b>OR</b> is up to date but immunocompromised, <b>ALL</b> residents must maintain social distancing and wear masks when not actively eating or drinking.</p> <p><b>Group</b> size and dining space must allow for social distancing when required.</p> <p>Residents who meet the following criteria must continue to be served in their rooms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently isolated due to COVID-19</li> <li>Currently experiencing symptoms of possible COVID-19</li> <li>Currently quarantined due to exposure to COVID-19</li> </ul> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE: Communal dining will increase the risk of COVID-19 spreading in your facility.</b> Please be cautious by ensuring all appropriate testing and screening practices are in place before implementing any level of communal dining. Implement robust infection control measures (e.g., ensure ample access to hand hygiene supplies, ensure appropriate cleaning and disinfection of the dining area, etc.) and take measures that facilitate social distancing (e.g., remove chairs, space tables, stagger mealtimes, etc.).</p>

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Leaving for Medical Reasons	<p><b>Avoid non-essential medical visits.</b></p> <p><b>For essential medical visits outside the facility</b>, ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>residents who must leave the facility wear masks while outside the facility.</li> <li>the receiving medical facility is notified about the facility outbreak prior to arrival</li> <li>transporters and the receiving facility must be notified of the resident's status and precautions required.</li> <li>Travel for medical care for COVID-19 positive residents should be provided by medical transport.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>LIMIT</u> non-essential medical visits.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents <b>who are not on a unit/area experiencing an outbreak</b> may leave the facility for routine/elective medical appointments with the following considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents do not need to quarantine upon return, regardless of vaccination status, unless they were exposed to a person with confirmed COVID-19. Residents who have symptoms of possible COVID-19 must isolate.</li> <li>Residents who leave the facility for medical appointments <b>AND</b> engage in <b>any</b> other activity prior to returning to the facility <b>must</b> follow guidelines outlined in the <i>Resident Outings/Field Trips</i> section on page 6.</li> <li>Residents leaving the facility who require inpatient admission to another medical facility must follow the <i>Plan for Isolation, Quarantine, &amp; New/Readmissions</i> section on page 10 <b>AND</b> the <i>As Needed (prn) &amp; New/Readmission Testing</i> section on page 8 upon return.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Residents with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 who have not been cleared from isolation should only leave the facility for essential medical needs (i.e., dialysis), with prior notification of the receiving facility. The receiving facility must be notified of the resident's status and precautions required.</li> <li>Travel for medical care for COVID-19 positive residents should be provided by medical transport.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Allow all non-essential medical visits.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents may leave the facility for routine/elective medical appointments with the following considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents do not need to quarantine upon return, regardless of vaccination status, unless they were exposed to a person with confirmed COVID-19. Residents with who have symptoms of possible COVID-19 must isolate.</li> <li>Residents who leave the facility for medical appointments <b>AND</b> engage in <b>any</b> other activity prior to returning to the facility <b>must</b> follow guidelines outlined in the <i>Resident Outings/Field Trips</i> section on page 6.</li> <li>Residents leaving the facility who require inpatient admission to another medical facility must follow the <i>Plan for Isolation, Quarantine, &amp; New/Readmissions</i> section on page 10 <b>AND</b> the <i>As Needed (prn) &amp; New/Readmission Testing</i> section on page 8 upon return.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Residents with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 who have not been cleared from isolation should only leave the facility for essential medical needs (i.e., dialysis), with prior notification of the receiving facility.</li> <li>Travel for medical care for COVID-19 positive residents should be provided by medical transport.</li> </ul>

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Resident Outings/Field Trips	Resident field trips are not permitted.  Resident outings should be strongly discouraged.	Resident field trips are permitted for those who <u>ARE NOT</u> on a unit/area experiencing an outbreak.  Resident outings should be strongly discouraged for those who <u>ARE</u> on a unit experiencing an outbreak.	Resident outings and field trips are permitted.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents <b>who leave the facility</b> for non-medical community activities must follow the following guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents must and those accompanying them should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear masks during the entire outing (if possible) and maintain social distancing while in the community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If a resident is up to date with their COVID-19 vaccine, they can choose to have close contact (including touch) with others in the community while wearing a mask. If taking a walk outdoors and not in close contact with the community, a mask is not necessary.</li> <li>Residents who are up to date with their COVID-19 vaccine visiting friends or family that are also up to date may choose to interact without masks or physical distancing.</li> <li>Physical touch for an extended period of time with people who are unvaccinated or not up to date with their COVID-19 vaccine or people with unknown vaccination status should be avoided.</li> <li><b>Immunocompromised residents should wear a mask and always maintain social distancing, regardless of vaccination status.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Clean hands frequently, using alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available.</li> <li>Facilities must keep a log of activities to assist in completing the risk assessment and allow for contact tracing if needed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Residents and family members should be educated about potential risks of public settings and to avoid crowded, poorly ventilated areas.</li> <li><b>Residents and family members must be informed <u>if an outbreak investigation is in progress</u>, and about associated risks and PPE requirements.</b></li> <li>Upon return: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All residents must be screened for symptoms of COVID-19.</li> <li>Facilities must complete a resident risk assessment to evaluate the need for quarantine for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All residents in facilities where less than 85% of the residents are up to date on their COVID-19 vaccine.</li> <li>Residents who are unvaccinated or not up to date on their COVID-19 vaccine and immunocompromised residents (regardless of vaccination status) in facilities where 85% or more of the residents are up to date on their COVID-19 vaccine.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li><b>If a risk assessment is completed, residents determined to have participated in a higher risk activity must quarantine.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>NOTE: Testing is still required for residents who have left the facility for more than 24 hours, regardless of vaccination status, as outlined in the <u><a href="#">As Needed (PRN) &amp; New/Readmission Testing</a></u> section on page 8.</p> <p>The “<i>Risk Assessment for Community Visits</i>” can be found at <a href="https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance">coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance</a>.</p>		

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Inter-Facility Activities (Same Campus)	<p>Interfacility activities between separately licensed health care facilities (e.g., ALR, SNF) or from separate settings (e.g., Independent Living) located in the same building or campus are <b>NOT</b> permitted.</p>	<p><u>Limited</u> interfacility activities between separately licensed health care facilities (e.g., ALR, SNF) or from separate settings (e.g., Independent Living) located in the same building or campus are permitted with the following guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participating facilities must <b>NOT</b> be in an uncontrolled outbreak. (DC Health must help make this determination unless the facility falls under purview of this guidance).</li> <li>Outdoor activities are preferred over indoor when possible.</li> <li>All individuals participating and facilitating the activity must follow the same standards for screening and logging as outlined in visitation guidance.</li> <li>Activity participants that are not residents or staff of a facility involved in the inter-facility activity, must be treated as visitors, follow visitation guidance, <b>AND</b> indicate participation in activity in the visitor log.</li> <li>See <b>Guidance for Visitation in Skilled Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living Residences</b> at <a href="https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance">coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance</a>.</li> </ul> <p>Interfacility activities must be limited to the area designated for the activities. There must be specified entries, exits, and pathways to the dedicated space that minimizes exposure to other residents.</p> <p>Areas in quarantine or isolation (e.g., units, floors) must have clear and appropriate signage and other markers (e.g., closed doors, floor markings) to ensure participants do not inadvertently enter the area.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Facilities must also follow <b>ALL</b> participation criteria, masking, and social distancing guidance outlined in the <i>On-Site Group Activities</i> section on page 5.</p>	<p>Interfacility activities between separately licensed health care facilities (e.g., ALR, SNF) or from separate settings (e.g., Independent Living) located in the same building or campus are permitted with the following guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participating facilities must <b>NOT</b> be in an uncontrolled outbreak. (DC Health must help make this determination unless the facility falls under purview of this guidance).</li> <li>Outdoor activities are preferred over indoor when possible.</li> <li>All individuals participating and facilitating the activity must follow the same standards for screening and logging as outlined in visitation guidance.</li> <li>Activity participants that are not residents or staff of a facility involved in the inter-facility activity, must be treated as visitors, follow visitation guidance, <b>AND</b> indicate participation in activity in the visitor log.</li> <li>See <b>Guidance for Visitation in Skilled Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living Residences</b> at <a href="https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance">coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance</a>.</li> </ul> <p>Interfacility activities must be limited to the area designated for the activities. There must be specified entries, exits, and pathways to the dedicated space that minimizes exposure to other residents</p> <p>Areas in quarantine or isolation (e.g., units, floors) must have clear and appropriate signage and other markers (e.g., closed doors, floor markings) to ensure participants do not inadvertently enter the area.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Facilities must also follow <b>ALL</b> participation criteria, masking, and social distancing guidance outlined in the <i>On-Site Group Activities</i> section on page 5.</p>

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Testing residents	<p>Test all residents in the facility, regardless of vaccination status (excluding those isolated due to positive COVID-19 status at time of specimen collection and those positive within the previous 90 days and recovered) if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥1 case in a resident ≥ 14 days after admission/readmission; <b>OR</b></li> <li>≥3 cases in staff within 14 days; <b>OR</b></li> <li>≥3 cases in individuals (e.g., visitors, vendors) associated with a specific location/department within 14 days or epidemiological link within the facility. <b>OR</b></li> <li>It is determined necessary by DC Health after investigation/contact tracing.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Those who have tested positive for COVID-19 (and recovered) within the previous 90 days who develop new symptoms of COVID-19 should be evaluated by an HCP for testing.</p>	<p>If initial testing reveals no additional COVID-19 cases and existing cases are contained within a single area/unit, then PCR testing (regardless of vaccination status) of quarantined residents or affected units shall continue every 3-7 days.</p> <p><b>Exclude</b> residents from testing who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are isolated due to positive COVID-19 status at time of specimen collection</li> <li>Have tested positive within the previous 90 days and recovered.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Those who have tested positive for COVID-19 (and recovered) within the previous 90 days who develop new symptoms of COVID-19 should be evaluated by an HCP for testing.</p>	<p>Routine testing of all residents (for surveillance or outbreak purposes) is <u>not</u> required if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≤2 staff test positive within a 14-day period <b>AND</b></li> <li>0 residents test positive within a 14-day period <b>AND</b></li> <li>≤2 cases in individuals (e.g., visitors, vendors) associated with a specific location/department within 14 days or epidemiological link within the facility. <b>AND</b></li> <li>After there have been two consecutive weeks (i.e., &gt;14 days) of no new test results in staff and residents from facility-wide outbreak testing (using an FDA approved PCR test)</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Those who have tested positive for COVID-19 (and recovered) within the previous 90 days who develop new symptoms of COVID-19 should be evaluated by an HCP for testing</p>
As Needed (PRN) & New/Readmission Testing	<p>Test any resident as needed who meets the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Showing symptoms of possible COVID-19</li> <li>Exposed (regardless of vaccination status) to another resident, staff, or visitor who was confirmed to have COVID-19 <b>AND</b> the resident has <u>not</u> recovered from a COVID-19 infection within the previous 90 days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Resident must be tested immediately (but not earlier than 24 hours after exposure) and, if negative, on days 5-7 and 9-10 after exposure.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>New/Readmissions or residents who have left the facility for greater than 24 hours, (regardless of vaccination status) <b>AND</b> have <u>not</u> recovered from a COVID-19 infection within the previous 90 days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Resident must be tested immediately (see above) upon admission/return and, if negative, again 5-7 days after admission/return.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Those who have tested positive for COVID-19 and recovered within the previous 90 days who develop new symptoms of COVID-19 should be evaluated by an HCP for testing</li> </ul>	<p>Test any resident as needed who meets the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Showing symptoms of possible COVID-19</li> <li>Exposed (regardless of vaccination status) to another resident, staff, or visitor who was confirmed to have COVID-19 <b>AND</b> the resident has <u>not</u> recovered from a COVID-19 infection within the previous 90 days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Resident must be tested immediately (but not earlier than 24 hours after exposure) and, if negative, on days 5-7 and 9-10 after exposure.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>New/Readmissions or residents who have left the facility for greater than 24 hours, (regardless of vaccination status) <b>AND</b> have <u>not</u> recovered from a COVID-19 infection within the previous 90 days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Resident must be tested immediately (see above) upon admission/return and, if negative, again 5-7 days after admission/return.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Those who have tested positive for COVID-19 and recovered within the previous 90 days who develop new symptoms of COVID-19 should be evaluated by an HCP for testing</li> </ul>	<p>Test any resident as needed who meets the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Showing symptoms of possible COVID-19</li> <li>Exposed (regardless of vaccination status) to another resident, staff, or visitor who was confirmed to have COVID-19 <b>AND</b> the resident has <u>not</u> recovered from a COVID-19 infection within the previous 90 days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Resident must be tested immediately (but not earlier than 24 hours after exposure) and, if negative, on days 5-7 and 9-10 after exposure.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>New/Readmissions or residents who have left the facility for greater than 24 hours, (regardless of vaccination status) <b>AND</b> have <u>not</u> recovered from a COVID-19 infection within the previous 90 days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Resident must be tested immediately (see above) upon admission/return and, if negative, again 5-7 days after admission/return.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Those who have tested positive for COVID-19 and recovered within the previous 90 days who develop new symptoms of COVID-19 should be evaluated by an HCP for testing</li> </ul>



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Testing staff	<p>All staff are PCR tested weekly***, regardless of vaccination status (excluding those isolated due to positive COVID-19 status at time of specimen collection or those positive within the previous 90 days and recovered) if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥1 case in a resident ≥ 14 days after admission/readmission; <b>OR</b></li> <li>≥3 cases in staff within 14 days; <b>OR</b></li> <li>≥3 cases in individuals (e.g., visitors, vendors) associated with a specific location/department within 14 days or epidemiological link within the facility. <b>OR</b></li> <li>It is determined necessary by DC Health after investigation/contact tracing.</li> </ul> <p>***Routine testing intervals as indicated in “No Outbreak Phase” must still be followed.</p>	<p>If initial testing reveals no additional COVID-19 cases and existing cases are contained within a single area/unit then weekly*** PCR testing (regardless of vaccination status) of exposed staff or staff on affected units continues.</p> <p>***Routine testing intervals as indicated in “No Outbreak Phase” must still be followed.</p>	<p>Frequency of staff testing is based on the extent of the virus in the community as reported on the <i>CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Routine Testing Intervals by Level of Community Transmission can be found in “Table 2” in CMS Guidance <i>QSO-20-38-NH REVISED</i> at <a href="https://cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-38-nh-revised.pdf">cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-38-nh-revised.pdf</a>.</li> <li>Testing frequency may be increased as directed by DC Health based on other factors (e.g., the level of community transmission in an adjacent or neighboring county/state where a large number of staff may reside).</li> <li>The “CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker” can be found at <a href="https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view">covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view</a>.</li> </ul> <p>PCR testing of staff <u>is required</u> for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Those who are unvaccinated or <b>not</b> up to date on their COVID-19 vaccine.</li> <li>Those who are more than 90 days from a prior COVID-19 infection <b>AND</b> unvaccinated or <b>not</b> up to date on their COVID-19 vaccine.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> The COVID-19 vaccine will not result in a false positive PCR or antigen test. An individual who tests positive for COVID-19 infection must follow the same guidelines as any other positive individual regardless of vaccination status. Additionally, all positive diagnostic tests, regardless of testing method, must be treated as true positives despite any subsequent negative test results obtained through any other testing method. For more information please see: <b>Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Healthcare Facilities</b> at <a href="https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance">coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance</a>, <b>Guidance for Healthcare Personnel Monitoring, Restriction, and Return to Work</b> at <a href="https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance">coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance</a>.</p>			
Routine Data Reporting	<p><b>Submit daily line list of residents and staff</b> who are newly positive for COVID-19 to the Healthcare Facilities Investigation Team daily, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays (in accordance with DCMR Chapter <a href="#">22B 208.2</a>, <a href="#">22B 201.1(ff)</a> and <a href="#">201.1 (gg)</a>, <a href="#">D.C. Official Code § 7-139</a>. There is no need to report residents who are transferred into your facility with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19.</p> <p><b>Submit at least weekly data to National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)</b> <i>Skilled nursing facilities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reporting requirements for nursing homes became effective on May 8, 2020 when CMS published their interim final rule with comment: <a href="https://govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-05-08/pdf/2020-09608.pdf">govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-05-08/pdf/2020-09608.pdf</a></li> </ul> <p><i>Assisted living residences:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While ALRs do not have the same federal requirement to report to NSHN as nursing homes, their participation is encouraged.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Submit daily line list of residents and staff</b> who are newly positive for COVID-19 to the Healthcare Facilities Investigation Team daily, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays (in accordance with DCMR Chapter <a href="#">22B 208.2</a>, <a href="#">22B 201.1(ff)</a> and <a href="#">201.1 (gg)</a>, <a href="#">D.C. Official Code § 7-139</a>. There is no need to report residents who are transferred into your facility with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19.</p> <p><b>Submit at least weekly data to National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)</b> <i>Skilled nursing facilities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reporting requirements for nursing homes became effective on May 8, 2020 when CMS published their interim final rule with comment: <a href="https://govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-05-08/pdf/2020-09608.pdf">govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-05-08/pdf/2020-09608.pdf</a></li> </ul> <p><i>Assisted living residences:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While ALRs do not have the same federal requirement to report to NSHN as nursing homes, their participation is encouraged.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Submit daily line list of residents and staff</b> who are newly positive for COVID-19 to the Healthcare Facilities Investigation Team daily, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays (in accordance with DCMR Chapter <a href="#">22B 208.2</a>, <a href="#">22B 201.1(ff)</a> and <a href="#">201.1 (gg)</a>, <a href="#">D.C. Official Code § 7-139</a>. There is no need to report residents who are transferred into your facility with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19.</p> <p><b>Submit at least weekly data to National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)</b> <i>Skilled nursing facilities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reporting requirements for nursing homes became effective on May 8, 2020 when CMS published their interim final rule with comment: <a href="https://govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-05-08/pdf/2020-09608.pdf">govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-05-08/pdf/2020-09608.pdf</a></li> </ul> <p><i>Assisted living residences:</i></p> <p>While ALRs do not have the same federal requirement to report to NSHN as nursing homes, their participation is encouraged.</p>

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Plan for Isolation, Quarantine, & New/Readmissions	<p>Dedicate space for cohorting and managing care for each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isolating residents with COVID-19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents with COVID-19 <b>must isolate for at least 10 days</b> beginning from symptom onset OR positive test result (for asymptomatic infection).</li> <li>For <b>Guidance on Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions for Patients with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings</b>, visit <a href="https://coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance">coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance</a>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Quarantining residents (regardless of vaccination status) who were exposed to a person with confirmed COVID-19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarantine may be waived for residents who have had confirmed COVID-19 infection within the last 90 days.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Quarantining residents who develop symptoms of possible 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